



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

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Mr. Robert Asgian
County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
1955 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90607-4998

Dear Mr. Asgian:

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL, WHITTIER, CA (FILE NO. 57-220)

Reference is made to our letter dated October 17, 2005, indicating that this Regional Board intends to consider amending the Waste Discharge Requirements (Regional Board Order No. 90-046, adopted March 26, 1990, Order No. 91-035, adopted March 4, 1991, Order No. 93-070, adopted November 1, 1993, Order No. 94-103, adopted September 26, 1994, and Order No. 99-059, adopted March 26, 1999) for the Puente Hills Landfill (Landfill) at a public meeting to be held on December 1, 2005, beginning at 9:00 am., at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90013 because they no longer accurately reflect current site conditions.

As you know, the Regional Board requested comments regarding the tentative Order be received by October 12, 2005. Comments were received from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (CSDLAC) clarifying a variety of requirements contained in the tentative Order and from Ms. Toni Stein regarding the acceptance of incinerator ash for disposal at the Landfill. Subsequently, CSDLAC staff has requested that consideration of the tentative Order be deferred to provide CSDLAC staff the opportunity to evaluate whether it is practical to modify Landfill operational practices to address Ms. Stein's concerns. Regional Board staff support this cooperative effort, thus accept deferral of consideration of the tentative Order until the tentatively scheduled March 9, 2006 Board meeting. To assure that all interested parties have an adequate opportunity to comment on the tentative Order we will require the following:

- Responses to CSDLAC's comments will be prepared by Regional Board staff and will be released for public review. It is our intent to post our responses as well as a revised tentative Order on the Regional Board website within two weeks. The revised tentative Order will be the basis for future revisions/comments, including any by the CSDLAC regarding incinerator ash disposal at the Landfill.

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- Regional Board staff will defer responding to Ms. Stein's comments at this time to avoid confusion with the disposal requirements that the CSDLAC proposes to address in their evaluation of incinerator ash acceptance.
- On or before January 27, 2006, the CSDLAC shall submit a response/discussion regarding Ms. Stein's comments to this Regional Board. The submittal should be accompanied by an electronic version that can be made available to all interested parties via the Regional Board website.
- On or before February 3, 2006, the CSDLAC should conduct a public workshop to discuss incinerator ash disposal at the Landfill with all interested parties. Regional Board staff will consider the CSDLAC discussion/response and workshop proceedings to evaluate revisions to the tentative Order. Any revisions to the tentative requirements will be released by Regional Board staff for public review no later than 30 days prior to the Regional Board meeting.
- Public comments regarding the tentative Order will be extended to two weeks prior to the Regional Board meeting.

You should be aware that the schedule for Regional Board meetings for the 2006 calendar year will be adopted at the January 19, 2006 Board meeting. Therefore, submittal/schedule dates contained herein may change. If you have any questions, please call Enrique Casas at (213) 620-2299 or me at (213) 620-6119.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Rodney Nelson

Senior Engineering Geologist

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cc: Mailing List

